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1. DEPARTMENT HAS RECONFIRMED THAT DOD POSITION ON SWISS
DRAFT RECOMMENDATIONS (DOCS. 52 AND 53) REMAINS AS
SUMMARIZED IN PARA 2 REFTEL. COMMUNICATION FROM
DOD/ISA STATES, "THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE CAN SUPPORT
THE DRAFT RECOMMENDATIONS WITH RESERVATION."

2. SUBSTANCE OF DOD "RESERVATION" IS:

A) IT QUESTIONS ACCURACY STATEMENT IN DOC 53 TO
EFFECT "SHIPS AT SEA AND AIRCRAFT IN FLIGHT ARE
ENTIRELY DEPENDENT ON RADIO COMMUNICATIONS FOR
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THEIR SAFETY," AND

B) IN DOC. 52 THE MEANING OF THE TERM "KNOWN AND WATCHED" NEEDS TO BE CLARIFIED SINCE IT COULD CAUSE PROBLEMS WITH RESPECT TO BOTH EQUIPMENT AND PERSONNEL REQUIREMENTS. THESE, HOWEVER, COULD BE RESOLVED AT A WARC, WHICH WOULD ALSO BE THE BODY TO ALLOCATE SPECIFIC FREQUENCIES THAT MAY BE REQUIRED.

3. DEPARTMENT NOTES USDEL'S RECOMMENDATION AND CONCERN EXPRESSED PARA 6 REFTEL. HOWEVER, EARLIER US POSITION CONVEYED TO NATO MEMBERS (PARA 4 REFTEL) WAS CLEARLY IDENTIFIED AS BASED ON "PRELIMINARY INDICATIONS" AND LABELLED AS "PROBABLE". DEPARTMENT INTENDS, THEREFORE, IN LINE WITH CONFIRMED DOD POSITION AND OUR OWN PREFERRED STANCE TO INDICATE TO SWISS EMBASSY HERE THAT USG WILL SUPPORT THE DRAFT RECOMMENDATIONS WITH RESERVATIONS AND ON THE UNDERSTANDING THAT IMPLEMENTATION OF THE RESOLUTIONS WOULD BE A MATTER FOR A GENERAL WARC.

4. USDEL SHOULD, THEREFORE, PURSUE POSITION THAT USG SUPPORTS SWISS RECOMMENDATIONS WITH RESERVATIONS NOTED PARA 2 ABOVE. RUSH

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